

Sport News

WILLAMETTE TO PLAY U. OF O. VETERAN TEAM

Coach Thompson's Squad Short of Twirlers In Early Season Contest

The Willamette University baseball team will take part in the first real test of the season tomorrow afternoon when the University of Oregon team is scheduled to meet W. U. on the Willamette field. Coach Thompson says his boys are still unseasoned and his few veterans can hardly be expected to lend stability to a green team this early in the season but that they will be able to give the University lads a good game at that.

"Our weakness is in the box," said the coach, "and this may prove a fatal weakness when we meet the heavy hitting collegians."

Shuler, the captain, has been doing some twirling this year and Brewster is the change pitcher but neither are in shape this early in the season to retire the U. of O. starters in one, two, three order. The lemon yellow team has been playing ball for six weeks and has already several games to their credit. They trimmed Chemawa twice and lost to the Chicago Colored Giants but have gained a lot of valuable experience and with one or two exceptions have a veteran lineup.

The Willamette lads will develop into a good college team later in the season is the belief of Coach Thompson but he says his boys have not yet acquired their batting eye. When they start the ball it travels but they don't hit it often enough and plenty of hitting against good pitchers alone will enable them to connect when runs are needed.

The Willamette lads have been playing but a short time this year on account of the wet grounds and their team play needs a few of the rough spots rubbed off before the team will round into a polished aggregation of ball tossers. The material is there, however, and the boys can be depended upon to put their best into the game.

Every Doune who will do the catching is a veteran of four years experience and is one of the old hands on the team. Grover Gates who plays the third corner of the diamond is serving

SALEM HIGH LINES UP AGAINST U. OF O. TEAM

Prepers Have Last Year's State Championship Team Intact For Season

The opening game of the season for the Salem high school team began this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, when the team lined up against the University of Oregon on Willamette field. The Salem high school team has a complete lineup of veterans this year and every single member of last year's team is back in the harness this year. Last year the team finished the season without a single defeat and promise to duplicate their performance this year.

This early in the season they lack finish of midseason but they have the advantage of several years' playing together in teamwork, and Coach Clancy has no hesitancy in predicting that any high school team that takes the measure of the Salem lads will travel fast and long to do it. The Salem team virtually finished the season last year as state champions of the academic class as they trimmed the Columbia university team, champions of the Portland interscholastic league, twice, once on each home ground.

The battery for today's game is: Keene, p; Gill, c; Lowe, lb; Proctor, 2b; Miller, ss; Tasto, 3b; Page or Tooker, lf; Reinhardt, captain, cf.

While the high school boys hardly expect to administer a severe drubbing to the collegians, they will give them a good game and will gain some valuable practice against the college twirlers.

his third year on the team, Booth, at short and Flegal in the outfield are also players of the last year's aggregation. Paul Miller a recruit from Centralia, Washington, will hold down first base and L. Vickey will cover second. Warren Booth will pick them up in the short pasture and Irvine and Bain will fill in at left field and centerfield respectively. Adams and Praff will warm the bench in their fighting tog ready to fill in in case of an emergency. The pitcher will be selected after the coach has had a chance to give the Oregon lads the "once over."

COAST LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
San Lake	4	2	.667
San Francisco	6	3	.667
Los Angeles	6	4	.600
Oakland	4	5	.444
Portland	3	6	.333
Venice	2	5	.286

Yesterday's Results.

At Salt Lake-Portland; wet grounds.

At Oakland-San Francisco 3, Venice 2 (11 innings).

At Los Angeles-Oakland 3, Los Angeles 5.

Preliminary Handball Tournament Starts Soon

The preliminary handball tournament in the business men's class of the Y. M. C. A. will soon be in full swing in the association gym. As soon as the preliminaries are concluded the winners will start immediately on the finals for the championship of the city. The tournament last year was marked by close contests and the final games were real championship games. The handicaps for the preliminary games will be announced soon.

W. U. SENDS HALF MILE.

Norman Heyner, who is entered in the open half mile, will be the only representative of Willamette University at the big indoor track and field meet to be held in the Columbia University coliseum at Portland tomorrow afternoon. Coach Thompson this year was confronted with the huge task of developing a track team from entirely new material as not a single letter man was back for track this year. The new indoor track has revived interest in track and field sports at W. U. but it will take considerable time to develop a strong team from new men. Heyner is an intercollegiate star from Washington and may be counted upon to make a good record in the half mile on the indoor track.

IN CHARGE OF BIG STORES.

New York, April 9.—United States Judge Hand today appointed Walter C. Noyes and William A. Marble as receivers to continue the business of J. G. Greenhut & Co., operating the Siegel-Cooper stores here.

The receivership is based on the suit of the Monmouth Trust company to collect \$200,000 in loans. In the complaint it is alleged that the assets of the Greenhut Co. are \$5,000,000, exclusive of realty, and that the liabilities are \$12,000,000. The Greenhut company has consented to the appointment of the receivers.

Even pleasure becomes irksome if it's in the nature of duty.

Passport Denied Johnson By Order of Bryan

Washington, April 9.—Secretary Bryan today ordered that an American passport should not be issued to Jack Johnson in Havana.

The secretary called American Minister Gonzalez that as Johnson was convicted of a felony and was a fugitive from justice he should recall the passport issued the negro fighter.

It was understood from Havana dispatches that Johnson already had a passport and had refused to surrender it upon the demand of Minister Gonzalez. At the state department, however, the understanding was that the passport had not yet been issued. At all events, Secretary Bryan ruled that Johnson was not entitled to one, and proposed to insist upon its withdrawal, if the negro has it.

Veterans Association Holds Big Meeting at Woodburn

The Marion County Veterans' association, which held its first meeting at Woodburn yesterday, was attended by over 400 veterans and their families. Congressman Hawley and Department Commander Fargo were the speakers of the day. An interesting part of the program was the reading by the chairman of the company of the correspondence between Grant and Lee, leading to the surrender at Appomattox. The next meeting of the association will be held August 5 at Silverton. Veterans of the civil war, of the Spanish war, sons of veterans, members of the Woman's Relief Corps and ladies of the G. A. R. are entitled to membership in this association.

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7 KEYS TO BALDPATE

COHAN'S HARRIS OWN COMPANY

French Offensive Important in Its Bearing on Conflict

(By J. W. T. Mason, Former European Manager of the United Press.)

New York, April 9.—The French offensive developing between the Meuse and Moselle is of greater significance and of more importance than the immediate objective of regaining Saint Mihiel.

The operations, in fact, represent the third effort of the year to force the Germans from their trenches. If successful the allies will be encouraged to believe that France and Belgium can be cleared. If the attempt results in failure, the task of winning the German trenches must become remote and beyond the present ability of the allies.

The two preceding attempts were made by the French in the Champagne region and by the English at Neuve Chapelle. Both failed, except in a minor degree. In each case the Germans were driven back a few hundred yards but the allies were so exhausted they were unable to follow up their advantage. They were compelled to rest content with purely local gains when the real object was success of dominant magnitude. If the third frontal attack fails except for a few slight advantages at isolated points, the impression will be strengthened that the land campaign in the west is a complete deadlock.

Mistakes were made in the Champagne and Neuve Chapelle attacks. They are vaguely understood to have concerned the handling of the artillery. The details are not known. It is certain that a shortage of ammunition prevailed, and the readiness of the first efforts, the intensity of the fire against the Germans.

There is reason to believe that the supply of ammunition has been recently increased since that time and the advantage to the French in the St. Mihiel operations. But tactical mistakes of the previous assaults will be corrected and the new offensive probably will have a better chance. It may be that the St. Mihiel fighting is the main objective of which the Champagne and Neuve Chapelle engagements were preliminary expedients.

More important results would follow success between the Meuse and Moselle than anywhere. If the Germans are driven back their flank and rear will be in danger and they must retreat.

On Metz, the French would be encouraged by the possibility of regaining Metz, whose downfall in the Franco-Prussian war was so disastrous. At the same time the Germans communications through Luxembourg would be threatened, and hope would be revived that the allies might reach the Rhine through Lorraine.

But if the Germans hold St. Mihiel and their line is bent only slightly there, there is little hope that the allies can succeed in breaking the deadlock.

THE OREGON TODAY

THE DRAMATIC SENSATION OF PORTLAND

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GERMANY NOT READY FOR PEACE, IS REPORT

Washington, April 9.—A revival of reports that Germany had informally intimated to the United States the willingness of the kaiser's government to discuss peace failed of confirmation in official quarters here today. The reports were based on the supposition that Germany has "abandoned hopes of a smashing victory" and is therefore ready to make the best terms possible while her armies are still holding territory of the enemy.

Secretary of State Bryan positively refused to comment on the report. He said such reports had been current since the war began, and none had been based on concrete information. The secretary intimated that the present report was based more upon hope than upon fact.

At the White House it was stated there were no new developments. President Wilson still sees no immediate opportunity enabling him to tender his good offices. Secretary Bryan refused to answer when asked if Germany had at any time confided to the United States an outline of the terms on which the kaiser might accept peace.

King Would Fight.

Rome, April 9.—The situation in Greece was described today as extremely critical by King Constantine, in an interview published by the Tribuna.

"My country will fight again, and enthusiastically, if the nation's interest demands it," the king declared. "The people are patriotic, but those in governing positions should judge well the time and the opportunity for action."

M. Venizelos, former prime minister, has announced his retirement from politics, according to articles from Athens.

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THE OREGON

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Scene from "Seven Keys to Baldpate," at the Grand Opera House Tonight



HOODWINKED BY THE PLAUSIBLE STORY INVENTED BY THE ADVENTRESS TO ALLAY HIS SUSPICIONS, MAGEE UNWITTINGLY AIDS HER IN A QUEST FOR THE \$200,000 GRAFT MONEY.

Beyond all doubt the most appealing and back to come again, until the only play of the day is George M. Cohan's looker decides Mr. Cohan is propounding a mystery farce "7 Keys to Baldpate," which will be presented by Cohan and Harris at this theatre next week. It was the success of last season in Chicago, New York and will be presented at the Grand Opera House for one performance on this evening, April 10th.

"7 Keys to Baldpate" is absolutely different from any play that American amusement seekers have ever seen. It combines mystery and melodrama, woven through a story that is vividly real, and, therefore, intensely thrilling, in an atmosphere first comic, then serious,

friend wages him that he cannot write a 40,000 word novel in twenty-four hours, and the bet of \$5,000 is accepted. Magee goes to Baldpate for his work and it is in the dead of winter.

When the play opens Magee is seen arriving at the Inn, situated on the top of a mountain, in a snow storm, and is received by the caretaker, who prepares the place for him, and departs after giving Magee the key to the front door. The only key, he says, to the hotel. But events prove there are six other keys as Magee finds, when he is interrupted by a most unusual series of incidents, and it is those incidents and

the results that hold an audience enthralled until the end which comes with a denouement that is absolutely unexpected and most original.

"7 Keys to Baldpate" is a wonderfully entertaining play of laughs, mystery, melodrama and thrills. The company that will interpret it includes Cyril Scott, John O'Hara, Ernest Geyer, Spencer Charters, Frank Allworth, Frank Monroe, Hooker Wright, Leo Storratt, Laura Bennett, Ethel Ingham, Christine Mayo, Jean Shelby, Rita Harlan, Hazel Traverso and Fannie Markey.